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COUNTY'S SHARE OF STATE SCHOOL FUNDS

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 14.—The annual apportionment of state school funds for the fiscal year just closing is now being made to the several counties. The total amount to be apportioned this year is \$3,552,236.09, compared with \$4,422,114.98 for 1921 and \$3,17,898.00 for 1920, according to Sam A. Baker, State Superintendent of schools.

Chariton County's apportionment for the several purposes is hereafter shown for the years 1922, 1921 and 1920, and you can note how this county stands in the apportionment covering these years.

Rural aid is granted to school districts which have a valuation of \$75,000.00 or less and which vote the maximum levy and still have insufficient funds to maintain an eight month's school. The amount the state contributes is equal to the deficiency. High school aid is based on valuation and whether or not the district votes the maximum levy. The amount varies from \$200 to \$800 for each school. The teacher quota is given to districts in the sum of \$50 for each teacher receiving less than \$1,000 and \$100 dollar for each teacher receiving more than \$1,000. Attendance quota apportionment this year is practically three cents, and it is paid for each day's attendance of each child.

For year 1922—rural aid, \$295; high school aid, \$200; teacher quota, \$10,650; attendance quota, \$17,578.57; total amount apportioned, \$29,723.57.

For year 1921—rural aid, \$688; high school aid, \$200; teacher quota, \$11,075; attendance quota, \$20,834.73; total amount apportioned, \$32,787.72.

For year 1920—rural aid, \$1,150; high school aid, \$228.80; teacher quota, \$9,375; attendance quota, \$11,135.58. Total amount apportioned, \$22,589.38.

In commenting upon the apportionment, Superintendent said: "While our schools should be judged by what they produce rather than by what they cost, yet the matter of finances is an important factor, since money is needed to supply modern buildings, adequate equipment and competent teachers. Missouri's educational conscience has been awakened and good people are supplying the funds necessary to make our schools second to none in the country. I am gratified with the manner in which our citizens are responding to the needs of our public schools."

BROOM CORN BRINGS UP TO \$215 A TON

Oklahoma City, Sept. 6.—Broom corn has been moving briskly during the last week from Marlow and Erick, southern and western points in the broom corn district. Twenty-five cars have been sent from Marlow, the prices ranging from \$160 to \$215 a ton, with some brush of extra good quality. At Erick prices have gone as high as \$155 a ton, with brush of a fairly good quality. The drought has had a deteriorating effect on the crop, but good yields are reported. It is estimated that Marlow will produce 75 cars of brush this year.

AUTO IS WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION

A peculiar accident happened to Arthur Berger's car at the home place a mile north of town Friday afternoon, in which the car was badly damaged and Mrs. Burger and Miss Louise Burger were painfully injured.

The two ladies had stepped in the car to come to town. When they attempted to start the car it back-fired with terrific force, splintering the floor of the car, knocking one side out, and shattering the windshield. The two ladies were not only badly shocked by the explosion, but their limbs were filled with the flying splinters. Dr. Seavern, who was called, says he extracted scores of splinters. The injuries from them, however, are not serious, unless blood poison should result.—Carrollton Democrat.

FIRST LADY OF THE LAND REPORTED VERY SICK

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The condition of Mrs. Harding, wife of the president, who has been ill for more than ten days, continues to cause some concern, according to an official bulletin issued at the white house today.

A navy doctor and two nurses were called in this morning and with Brigadier General Sawyer are now in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allega of Texas are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Allega, south of town.

WAR ON WHITE MULE IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

Huntsville, Sept. 5.—For some time past the colored management of the Randolph Springs have had trouble with no little rowdiness at their health resort on Sundays or on special occasions when large crowds of colored people gathered there. It was claimed also that the proverbial "white mule" was the "star actor" at these Springs preceding the knock-down and drags-outs and the rough houses in general reported from there, but before officers could get there the colored birds had flown away and it was hard to get names and evidence sufficient to cause arrests. It is said also that the "performances" of the "white mules" was in the underbrush thereabouts, or in secret places where the moonshin lit up the spot and the old mule would be passed out in half pint and pint "kicks" or in quantities to suit the consumer. Yesterday being a holiday the management expected a large crowd of the beneficiaries of the 18th amendment, who needed salt water baths and the "moving" mineral waters from the famous flowing well that was first discovered by Thomas Mayo, and his son, Allen Mayo, 103 years ago, and they were not disappointed for a big number of colored people were present, especially after the sun went down. It was also anticipated that the famous kicking old white mule would be there in all his glory, and the colored kissers of his muleship were not disappointed, either, for they were there in all their pristine glory, too, and the activities of the old mule and celebration of his kicking and braying qualities was on by the light of the moon. Sheriff John C. Milam thought it would be a good time to take part in the celebration himself, so he summons his two deputies in Huntsville, Steve Jones and Joe Piano, and about 9:00 o'clock in the evening took a secret stroll about the suburbs of the Springs proper, and it was not long before they heard brays as results of white mule kicks and they began a still hunt and a secret capture of the old mule and some of the "kicked" braying asses without causing a general alarm being turned in and in this succeeded. Charley Shipley of Moberly, was the first "mule" haltered with 18 half pints and two pints of corn juice in his possession. Next Clint Smith and James Terrill were picked up in the moonshine with a grip containing 22 half pints and one pint bottle of pure mule. They next nabbed Charles Smith, a white farmer, of near Huntsville, for having charge of one pint bottle of mule. They also took charge of an Overland motor car which contained 15 half pints and two pints of mule. Car No. 85792, A man by the name of Garven Nelson, of Bevier, Mo., said to be connected with the sale of the illicit booze, had something to do with this car and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Ernest Shipley is a white man and his car and the Bevier car is held by the sheriff in the Central garage at Huntsville and Shipley, Smith and James Terrill, are in jail and the prosecuting attorney will perhaps file information against them this week in the circuit court which is in session at Huntsville.—Moberly Democrat.

Fined and Given Warning Charles Smith, the farmer south of Huntsville, who was caught in Sheriff John C. Milam's bootlegging net at Randolph Springs Monday night last, was arraigned before Judge Walker in the circuit court at Huntsville, on Tuesday and fined \$100 and costs for attempting to sell a boy a pint of white mule. Charley was given a day to raise the cash, but failing in this the fine was commuted to ten days in jail, and Charley to pay the costs. When he was given the sentence, on Wednesday Judge Walker gave him a good lecture and "promised" him severe punishment if he was ever brought before him again for a second time. Charley told the judge that he had a cow at home, out of which the cost might be made, but the judge informed Charley that according to his information, his family needed that cow at home and that he would have to raise the cost by some other means.

Clint Smith and Jim Terrill, the two negroes arrested in the same haul by the sheriff, were fined \$300 and costs each. Not being able to dig up the dough they were remanded to jail. Mr. Shipley, of Moberly, the other young man caught by the sheriff, was released on bond, and his case will come up for trial later. The owner of the Bevier car has not made his appearance yet. But a gentleman

The Way Cleveland Did It

We have almost every day since the present railway strike started heard the wish expressed that Grover Cleveland were in the White House.

Why? Edward Townsend in the New York Herald relates a bit of history which has some bearing on the answer to that question.

On the night of July 8, 1894, John C. Barclay, at that time manager of the Western Union Telegraph company in Chicago looking out from the window of a tall building, saw the reflection of fires among the freight

cars in the railroad yards. He went to a telegraph key and called to the operator in the White House asked permission to wire a story of the situation to the president.

His request was granted, his message was sent and that same night a message went from the White House to Fort Sheridan addressed to the general commanding. It directed him to proceed to Chicago by daylight to protect government property and to prevent interference with the mails.

President Cleveland did not require weeks and months in which to make it up—and unmake it.

—St. Joseph Observer.

MISS ALMEDA MAGGARD PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY

Miss Almeda Maggard, for many years a well known and highly respected resident of this community, died at the Woodland hospital in Moberly at 8 o'clock Friday evening, Sept. 1, aged 54 years, 5 months and 10 days.

Miss Maggard was taken to the hospital on Monday preceding her death, and on Tuesday underwent a surgical operation for tumor, from which she had suffered for about two years.

Almeda Maggard was a daughter of John and Clarinda Maggard for many years highly respected citizens of this county. She was born March 21, 1868, near Greensburg, Knox County, Mo., and moved to this county with her parents when about eight years of age.

After coming to this county the family lived for a number of years on a farm in the vicinity of Indian Grove. About twenty-three years ago the family moved to Brunswick and have made their home here since that time. Miss Maggard's father died in April, 1917. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Clarinda Maggard, Chas. Maggard of Brunswick, and Bert Maggard of Mendon, and four sisters, Mrs. John Thornton, of Trenton, Mo., Mrs. Mary Leake, of Brunswick; Mrs. Lucille Moller of Kansas City, and Mrs. R. A. Bullups of near Keytesville. Besides her father, two brothers and one sister preceded her to the grave.

The life of Miss Maggard was known to many of her neighbors and companion of her mother in her devotion to those about her. For many years she watched over and tenderly cared for her aged parents, and since the death of her father, four years ago, she has been the constant companion of her mother in her declining years. For many years she was a faithful and useful member of the Baptist church, attending regularly and taking an active part in all the work of the church and the Sunday school. About two years ago she identified herself with the organization known as the Church of Christ, and

of Moberly who is known as a successful gambler, was in Huntsville making inquiries about the car and the man wanted by the sheriff.—Moberly Democrat.

Baltimore Lad Is Marbles Champion



New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore got "all bet up" recently over an inter-city marbles tournament in which the little champions of each place competed. Frankie McQuade of Baltimore won the championship. He is here seen making a shot in his game with Nicky Markoff of New York.

EFFORTS TO SHORTEN CODE CONVENTION DEBATE FAILS

Jefferson City, Sept. 9.—Efforts to shorten debate before the constitutional convention failed today when only 36 delegates favored the plan. Debate with the "Society" to shorten discussion of the constitution proposed to limit general discussion of a committee report to six hours. This could be extended, however, upon direction of the convention.

Eight committee reports are before the convention with three large ones to be submitted shortly—taxation, education, and counties, cities and towns. This leaves only four military affairs, redistricting, agriculture and referendum, still to be submitted.

The coming week will bring a discussion of the system of nominating candidates for office. The committee on elections has proposed that party nominations for elective offices shall be made by conventions under restrictions to be established by the legislature.

STATE WARRANT ISSUED

State warrants have been issued for the arrest of the eight boys—Carl Hutchinson, Carlos Bowers, Pete Rhea, Lee Heston, W. E. Bivans, Johnnie Cothan, George Keck and Hugh Barrier—who were present when Miss Pearl McWilliams jumped from an automobile some two weeks ago and was killed. As we understand it, the warrants charge criminal negligence.

It will be remembered that on the night of August 21 Miss McWilliams, of Bosworth, who was spending the night at a rooming house on South Main street, was called out and left in a car with two young men, about 10:30 o'clock. At the street corner below six other young men jumped on the running board of the car and immediately thereafter the young woman opened the car door, jumped out and fell on the brick pavior. The boys drove on down the hill, two returning in a few minutes. In the meantime the girl had been found by others, a physician was called and she was taken to Cook's hospital, where she died in a few minutes. An inquest was held the following Tuesday, August 23, and all eight of the boys testified that the girl jumped out of the car of her own accord. Following the testimony, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Public indignation has been at a high tension in the section of the county where she lived. The officers could find no criminal liability for a prosecution, so the matter was dropped.

John D. Taylor of Keytesville was employed and Prosecuting Attorney Whitman will follow his advice in preparing the papers and trying the case.

The preliminary will be held before C. W. Nuss on October 11.—Carrollton Democrat.

MRS. SARAH EUGENIA LEE

Sarah Eugenia Leland, youngest child of Judge John D. Leland and Sarah Gaskin Leland was born Oct. 15, 1944, near Fayette, Mo., and died at her home in Triplett, Sept. 4, 1922, aged 77 years, 10 months, 19 days. She was baptized in infancy and at the age of 12 years was confirmed into the Episcopal church of which she remained a faithful member till death. She was instructed at home and received her higher education at Howard-Payne college, from which she graduated with the honors of her class at the early age of 16 years. Later she became a successful teacher in Howard county and adjoining counties.

She was united in marriage Oct. 5, 1870, to David Ball Lee, who preceded her to the grave some 12 years ago. Five children were born to this union, the eldest a son, dying in infancy. The surviving children are Mrs. J. J. Knight, Mrs. J. H. Williams and Miss Cornelia H. Lee, all of this county, and V. L. Lee of Broken Arrow, Okla. She also reared in her home from infancy a young man, Dewey Deddout. Besides her children she leaves to mourn her loss two grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lee was a woman of superior mental attainments and was very conscientious and high principled. She possessed a kind, loving disposition and will be cherished in the memory of all who knew her for her quiet, retiring, purely modest life. She was a loving unselfish wife and mother and devoted herself to her family and home. She was a faithful attendant

BANK OF IRONTON CLOSED BY FINANCE COMMISSIONER

Ironton, Mo., September 6. — The Bank of Ironton was closed today by State Finance Commissioner J. C. Hughes.

"Bad and excessive loans" was given as the cause of the failure by deputy bank commissioners working on the institution's books.

The Bank of Ironton had deposits of \$190,000, capital of \$15,000 and a surplus and profit of 17,000.00.

Ironton, Mo., Sept. 8.—Unauthorized loans totaling \$81,000 to E. E. Evans, a wealthy sawmill operator and land owner of Iron County, by L. A. Cook, cashier of the Bank of Ironton, caused the closing of the bank, following an investigation into its tangled affairs, according to F. O. Coddling, one of the directors. State Examiner Roy E. Nieman, took charge of the bank's affairs.

Evans, Coddling said, had offered to repay the loan if given 90 days' time, but he did not know if the offer had been accepted.

News of the action against the bank threw the little town of Ironton, which contains less than 1500 persons, into great excitement. Nearly every one was affected, as there are only two banks in town, and many have deposits in both.

The bank officials and the citizens generally reposed great faith in Cook, Coddling said, and knowledge of the loans came as a great shock. The directors had no idea that such a state of affairs existed.

All day depositors thronged the street in front of the building where the officials were in conference. One excited butcher declared he would have to go out of business if he could not get any money to pay for some chickens his wife had ordered. Others waited patiently for some announcement which up to a late hour last night had not been issued.

The Bank of Ironton, according to its August statement, had total resources of \$230,400, time deposits of \$84,000, checking accounts of \$107,000, capital, \$15,000, and surplus, \$12,000.00.

W. T. Gay is president of the bank. He and Cook both declined to make a statement last night. The bank has been in existence seventeen years. With the Iron County Bank, also of Ironton, and the Bank of Arcadia, of Arcadia, it serves the Iron County Valley, a rich farming district.

START ROUND-UP OF HERRIN MURDERERS

Marion, Ill., Sept. 8.—Round-up of the Herrin massacre participants was underway today in Williamson county. With the return of thirty-seven indictments by the special grand jury late yesterday each charging murder, Sheriff Melvin Thaxton, assisted by his regular and special deputies today arrested and imprisoned in the county jail here as many of the indictments as could be found. The first arrest was made by Sheriff Thaxton ten minutes after the indictments had been returned when he took into custody Philip Fontanetta, a miner of Marion. Three others were arrested last night and one this morning.

DIVORCES HUSBAND AND REMARRIED IN 15 MINUTES

Mexico, Mo., Sept. 6.—Divorced and married again within 15 minutes, is the record of Mrs. Ollie McKinzie, plaintiff in a suit for divorce against John McKinzie, which was called in the circuit court here today. At 9 o'clock she was Mrs. McKinzie and at 10 o'clock she was Mrs. Peter Peffer-son Wright.

Immediately after the granting of the decree by Judge Ernest Gantt, she rushed to the office of the recorder, in company with Mr. Wright of Columbia, who was one of her character witnesses, obtained a license and was married by Probate Judge E. A. Shannon.

In her divorce petition, she charged desertion and non-support.

at church till ill health and advanced age prevented.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Triplett Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by a former pastor, the Rev. P. W. Henry of Kingston, Mo., and her remains were tenderly laid to rest beside her sainted husband in McCullough cemetery.

"Tis hard to part with those we love were it not for the glorious thought of Heaven, that some day we may meet again in the beautiful realm above."

—Contributed.